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Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S.
Subrahmanya Pillai, Mr. Chavadi K.
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Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
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Zamindar of Kallikota.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Constitution of districts, divisions and taluks

Transfer of the Kangundi division in North Arcot district to Chittoor district.

* 456 Q.—Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are contemplating to transfer the Kangundi division in North Arcot district to Chittoor district;

(*b*) whether the Government received representations from the people of the division against such transfer; and

(*c*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government defer passing orders till a full and open enquiry is made?

A.—(*a*) The question of transferring the Kangundi division to Chittoor district is and has for sometime been under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal has been published in the Gazette for criticism and the Government have received representations both for and against the transfer and also a deputation in support of the objectors. They do not propose to make further enquiries as they are now in possession of all that is to be said for or against the transfer.

Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU :—" May I know for how many years this matter has been under the consideration of the Government?"

(The hon. the Revenue Member was not in his seat.)

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Shall we pass over till the hon. Member arrives?"

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Has he made any representations to you, Sir, that he would be late this morning?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" I cannot answer that question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I want to raise a point, Sir. It is usual in the House of Commons that Members of the Treasury Bench send word to the Speaker when they attend late."

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Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU :—" I have put the question to the Revenue Member and not to the Finance Member."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am sorry, Sir, I am late and I apologise to you for coming late."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will repeat his supplementary question."

Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU :—" May I know for how many years this matter has been under the consideration of the Government?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I should think for the last two years, Sir."

Mr. C. VENKATARANGAM NAYUDU :—" May I ask him to state when a decision on this point is likely to be reached, Sir?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I hope, Sir, soon. I cannot say definitely."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member at whose instance the question was first mooted and for whose benefit it was sought to make this transfer?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The question was mooted, Sir, by memorials from the people of the division and it is for the benefit of the people that a decision has to be arrived at as also to the advantage of the administration generally."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Does the zamindar want this change particularly, Sir?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I understand he is in favour of it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the zamindar is filing hundreds of summary suits every year and he wants to make it more expensive for the tenants by effecting a transfer so that they may not defend the suits since Tirupattur is near to them while Chittoor is far off?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am unable to say what his motives may be."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member call for the statistics from the courts at Tirupattur as to the number of summary suits filed by the zamindar every year against his tenants."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir, certainly."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what are the considerations which weigh with the Government in ordering these transfers from one district to another district, i.e., with reference to a transfer like this?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If one district is heavy and another light, a transfer may be made to equalise the work. On the other hand, one tract may be more easily administered as part of one district than of another. There is also the linguistic consideration. An area that is entirely Telugu may more appropriately be in a Telugu district than in a Tamil one."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether the allegations made by my hon. Friend Mr. Adinarayana Chettiyar have any foundation and if so, whether they would be pleased to make the necessary enquiry and take necessary action ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I said I would call for the information."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" And consult the convenience of the ryots also ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I suppose that is the main consideration."

Irrigation

Supply of water to fields in the villages of Gollapudi, etc., by the Pumping scheme.

*457 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have given permission to the ryots of the villages of Gollapudi, Guntupalli, etc., to irrigate lands by pumping the water of the Kistna at Thummalapalem near Ibharampatnam, Bezwada taluk ;

(b) whether the ryots being unable to collect the necessary funds among themselves for constructing a pumping scheme have requested the Government to construct the pumping scheme and give water to their fields ;

(c) how much water-rate they have offered to pay and how much towards the cost of the construction of the scheme ; and

(d) whether the Government propose to undertake the scheme ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) They have offered to pay a water-rate of Re. 1–4–0 per acre and a sum of Rs. 30 per acre on the area to be benefited, towards the cost of the scheme.

(d) The Government have called for a report from the Chief Engineer, and will consider the matter on receipt of his reply.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that the ryots have offered to pay Rs. 12 per acre ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The information given in the question is what the Government has. I will make enquiries regarding what the hon. Member has said."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if the report of the Chief Engineer will be placed on the table of the House ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That would be considered certainly when the report is received."